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CHAPTER 2.1.15.

RED SEA BREAM IRIDOVIRAL DISEASE

Article 2.1.15.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any RSIVD related conditions, regardless of the RSIVD status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*:
 - a) ...
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption¹ from species in Article 2.1.2.2 which have been prepared in such a way to minimise the risk of diversion for alternative uses:
 - i) ~~Chemically~~ Preserved products (e.g. smoked, salted, pickled, marinated, etc ...);
 - ii) Heat treated products (e.g. ready prepared meals, fish oil);
 - iii) Eviscerated fish (chilled or frozen) packaged for direct retail trade;
 - iv) Fillets or cutlets (chilled or frozen);
 - v) Dried eviscerated fish (including air dried, flame dried, sun dried);
 - c) For species other than those in Article 2.1.2.2., all *aquatic animal products*.
2. ...
3. ...

Rationale:

Article 2.1.15.3 1)b)i): Smoking and freeze drying are physical (not chemical) processes.

Articles 2.1.15.7 and 2.1.15.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

“The certificate ~~shall~~**should** be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.3.2..”

Comment: Recommend replacing the word “shall” with “should” as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.